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**Organization and Mission -- Field**

**5 DEFENSE SPACE COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON**

This regulation gives the mission, organization, and responsibilities of the 5 Defense Space Communications Squadron located at Woomera AS, Australia, and implements AFR 23-51.

1. **Mission.** Equip, administer, train, and provide personnel to operate satellite, interstation, and intrastation support and communications equipment.

2. **Organization.** The 5 Defense Space Communications Squadron is a HQ USAF controlled unit assigned to the 1 Space Wing with operational control vested in CINCAD through the Cheyenne Mountain Complex. Resource management is vested in the Commander, Space Command. The prescribed organizational structure is shown in attachment 1.

3. **Responsibilities.** The Commander:

a. Organizes, trains, administers, and provides logistical support to assigned personnel.

b. Makes sure of the accurate and timely transmission of information to satisfy the operational requirements of approved using agencies. Exercises supervision over space systems operations, training, evaluation, computer programming, computer operations, and satellite systems engineers.

c. Provides contracting support to the squadron and to assigned tenants as prescribed by AFR 70-18 and AFM 67-1.

d. Provides for the accounting, control, safeguarding, disbursing, and collecting of government funds. Prepares financial plans, budgets, and budget revisions for operation and maintenance and family housing.

e. Manages the base supply function, exercises supervision over manual stock record accounts, and provides technical assistance and guidance to all base and tenant activities on base supply matters per AFM 67-1.

f. Manages and monitors the transportation function to include vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance, personal property, passenger movement, air terminal passenger service, surface and air terminal freight, and preservation and packaging, per applicable AFR 75, 76, and 77 series, and applicable DOD 4500 series.

g. Operates a precision measuring equipment laboratory (PMEL) in support of the squadron and tenant units.

h. Manages civil engineering activities for the technical site and USAF family housing area. Provides operation and maintenance of power plant, air conditioning systems, fire protection, electric power distribution, and water systems.

i. Evaluates and accepts on-site contractor performance per statement of work.

j. Makes sure adequate support is provided by the host government per applicable support agreements.

k. Makes sure special security and document control requirements are accomplished, and personnel are briefed or debriefed as required for the operation of the unit.

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4. **Relationships to Other Units or Agencies.** The Commander may communicate with other units or agencies, host country military, host country agencies.

and the U S government on matters for the effective accomplishment of the mission.

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1 Attachment  
Organization-5 Defense  
Space Communications Squadron

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Update reflects current terminology and revises organizational chart at attachment 1 to show current organizational structure of the unit.

